

John McGraw Reviews the Baseball Situation---School Series Nears End

John McGraw Excuses Self In Recent Kauff Jumping Matter

Goes Into Details of Case Which Had Baseball World Guessing a Few Weeks Ago.

By JOHN J. MCGRAW, Manager, New York Giants.

The Kauff case left me out on a limb. I am now going to try to crawl in—not that I mind much being out on a limb, except that I think the baseball public is entitled to know fully what happened. So I am now going to add some hitherto untold details to the general remarks I made on this case.

Under the laws of organized baseball, the Giants had an agreement with the Indianapolis club of the American Association some time ago to get this young player for a certain amount. He jumped to the Federal League, and I discussed the situation with Ban Johnson last winter while the negotiations for the purchase of the New York American League club were in progress.

"Why not get Kauff for the Giants now?" Johnson asked me. The New York club later received a letter from Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, advising us to try to sign Kauff. Soon after this championship season opened, a friend of Kauff's wired me he was a free agent. This telegram came as a surprise to me, and before I did anything I showed it to Mr. Hempstead, the president of the New York club. The wire further stated that Kauff would like to join the Giants.

We next got in touch with Kauff, and after that all business was done between Kauff and Mr. Hempstead's attorney. We found, from what Kauff told us, that the young man came to us as a free agent, as we had been advised. He had signed a contract with the

Big League Biffers Of a Day.

	A.B.H.T.B. Pet.
Morgan, Griff.	2 2 2 1,000
Thomas, Red Sox	1 1 1 1,000
J. Collins, W. S.	3 2 3 .667
Nu'maker, Yanks	3 2 2 .667
Weilman, Browns	3 2 2 .667
Veach, Tigers	5 3 4 .600
Cobb, Tigers	5 3 3 .600
Johnson, Griffs.	4 2 7 .500
W. Davis, Ath.	4 2 4 .500
Oldring, Athletics	4 2 3 .500
Milan, Griffs.	4 2 2 .500
Walsh, Athletics	4 2 2 .500

Brooklyn Federal League club last spring tendered him in the South by Mr. Ward's representative, Carroll. I think his name is. When the Brooklyn Federal League club returned home, Mr. Ward declared that this agreement called for too much money and refused to give Kauff a copy of the contract. Twice the young ball player demanded this in writing from Mr. Ward. According to this contract a copy of which was never given to Kauff, he was to receive \$5,000 a year.

I want it distinctly understood that, during the progress of the deal, all the business was done by Mr. Hempstead's lawyer, and that I took no part in the negotiations until I was instructed to sign Kauff. Because Mr. Ward had never replied to the written demands from Kauff for a copy of his contract, I was a free agent, and the case would probably be thrown out of court. It looked like a cinch all the way through.

Next came the mix-up at the Polo Grounds, when Kauff refused to put his team on the field if I attempted to play Kauff. A good deal has been printed in the newspapers about my conversation with Mr. Kauff that day when

Declares He Was Backed in His Idea to Get Heavy Hitting Player by Ban Johnson.

I walked over to his box. At this time, I will say that my remarks I made to Mr. Kauff that day were purely personal, of promise made and not kept. It was the first chance I had had to talk in a long time. I may have more to say to the baseball public of this incident in the future.

When Ward and his lawyer conferred with the representatives of organized baseball on the matter, I knew organized baseball was going to quit me. For some reason, I don't know why, they decided not to make a fight on Kauff. And all the time I had been under the impression that I was doing something for organized baseball as well as the Giants.

The reason given for refusing to permit Kauff to return to organized baseball was that he had become automatically blacklisted when he jumped from the Indianapolis club to the Federal League, an outlaw organization. I would like to have organized baseball tell me why Garry Herrmann sent Herzog to Havana last February to try to sign Marans and get him back from the Cuban League right from the ranks of the National League into the Fed's. Since Kauff has been declared an undesirable player because he left Indianapolis, how does he compare with Marans, who made the jump direct?

Several seasons ago, Hal Chase jumped the Yankees and went to the Coast League, which was then an outlaw organization. Was he blacklisted for three years? No, he was reinstated overnight. For some reason, on which I have not been let in, they got me out of town to Philadelphia, where the Giants were playing at the time. At the time, Kauff was back. They made me look bad on the deal.

Henry About Ready To Get Into Sport

Ainsmith Not So Good at Handling Young Pitchers and Return to Game of the Injured Backstop Comes None Too Soon.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

DETROIT, Mich., May 24.—John Henry, who spiked his right knee in that second game in Chicago, is about ready to don the spangles once more and resume his receiving duties. He comes back none too soon, either, for Ainsmith shows himself in a different class when it comes to handling young pitchers.

Henry's strong point has always been his handling of young pitchers. His throwing ranks with that of the best, but the way he holds up nervous or tottering twirlers has marked him as one of the best backstops in the history of the game. It is more on this account than any other that he is needed badly by the Griffins on their disastrous tour through the West.

It is hinted that Joe Boehling would have held his own against the Indians Saturday, had he not been called upon for so many curve balls. Ainsmith continually signaled for curves and by the time the third inning came along, the smiling southpaw was done for the day. Then the enemy hopped upon him and gave him a fine drubbing.

While Ainsmith is the fastest and most daring base runner on the team, he seldom reaches first base, save at the expense of some man ahead of him. His latest unofficial batting average of .145 shows that Henry, with figures of .229, will strengthen the team's offense, just now its weakest point. Ainsmith's hitting is the lowest of all the Griffins and if he is used only to catch Walter Johnson, the team as a whole will not miss him.

Henry has been working out two days and is able to move around fairly well. However, Twain Martin will take no chances with him, knowing how valuable the big fellow is to the team at this time.

Tommy Connolly is likely to get a chance at southpaw pitching after this. Manager Griffith, after witnessing the failure of Shanks Saturday in Cleveland, has given the matter some thought and is almost convinced that he should keep Connolly in the game, no matter what kind of pitching is opposed to him. The old theory in baseball is to yank out left-hand hitters against southpaw pitching, but of the first dozen batters in the lineup at least half are left-hand performers who are in the game every day against both kinds of twirling.

It may be saying little, but Connolly is today the best hitter on the team, especially in a pinch. Yesterday for the first time he failed to score a run on his appearance in a game. The best he could do was to reach third and

Tennis Finals Today In Chevy Chase Event

Harold and Conrad Doyle will meet Harvey Bundy and Irving Wright in the finals of the doubles at Chevy Chase today. Doyle and Doyle are picked to win the match and may earn the right to meet Pell and Hull, who are the present title holders.

Washington Cricketers Defeat Sons of St. George

The Washington Cricket Club today celebrates a 91-to-57 victory over the Sons of St. George cricketers, having defeated their old rivals on the Baltimore crease. Dr. Tom Williams and W. Warren were the high scorers for the Washington team.

De Motte's bowling was by far the best of the match. Dr. J. S. Cannon was held in check in the fourth match, as De Motte proved master of the situation.

Dauss Puzzles Athletics; Tigers Win, 10 to 5

DETROIT, May 24.—The Athletics could do nothing with George Dauss' delivery yesterday afternoon, as the Tigers won handsily, 10 to 5. Dauss threw three clean hits out of five times up. The score: Athletics, 5; Tigers, 10. R.H.E. Athletics, 3; 294; 600; 10-5. Tigers, 10; 390; 600; 10-5.

A Difficult Feat.

A stout woman was always in the habit of buying two seats when she went to the theater, in order that she could enjoy plenty of room. The other afternoon she, as usual, bought two seats at the box office, and, passing inside, handed the two tickets to the attendant.

"Where is the party who is going to use the other ticket?" he asked.

"I don't know," she said, "but I like to see you do it," said the attendant, looking closely at the tickets. The seats were on opposite sides of the aisle.—Chicago Blade.

HOLY NAME CIRCUIT GETS START TODAY

Two Games on in Different Parts of City in Opening Clashes.

For the first time this season the old Marquette League grounds will be open for hostilities when the newly organized Holy Name League gets action. St. Stephens and Holy Trinity will meet in the contest slated for Georgetown while on the other side of the city at North Capital and Bryant streets, St. Peters will battle St. Anselm.

The complete schedule of the league will be given out shortly. At a recent meeting plans were completed for the season and it is expected that the league will not only have a strong following, but many of the best players in the amateur ranks.

Added interest comes in the nature of the rivalry between the winners of the city league in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Minor League Standings.

NORTH CAROLINA.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Ashville, 17	8	Greensboro, 12	12
Charlotte, 16	8	Charlotte, 12	12
Raleigh, 16	9	Charlotte, 12	12
INTERNATIONAL.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Richmond, 17	8	St. Louis, 12	12
Buffalo, 16	9	St. Louis, 12	12
Providence, 16	9	St. Louis, 12	12
Rochester, 16	9	St. Louis, 12	12
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Indianapolis, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Minneapolis, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Waukegan, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Louisville, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
VIRGINIA.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Fort Worth, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Norfolk, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Petersburg, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
NEW ENGLAND.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Lawrence, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Portland, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Manchester, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Worcester, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
SOUTH ATLANTIC.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Albany, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Macdon, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Charleston, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Columbia, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
PACIFIC COAST.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Los Angeles, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
San Francisco, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Salt Lake, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
WESTERN.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Topkapi, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Des Moines, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Omaha, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Denver, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
SOUTHERN.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
N. Orleans, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Birmingham, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Nashville, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Memphis, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
NEW YORK STATE.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Troy, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Albany, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Elmira, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
TEXAS.			
W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.	W. L. Pet.
Galveston, 17	8	St. Paul, 12	12
Houston, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
San Antonio, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12
Waco, 16	9	St. Paul, 12	12

Schoolboy Games.

Today—A. N. Preps vs. Georgetown Preps.

Tuesday—Brilliant ahl vs. St. Albans.

Wednesday—Business vs. Central and Western vs. Technical (championship).

Friday—St. Albans at Tonia Institute.

Saturday—St. Albans at Cedarcroft, Pa.

BASEBALL WIND-UP COMES THIS WEEK FOR SCHOOL TEAMS

Scholastic Title Fought Out in Double Bill on Wednesday, According to Plans.

PREP HONOR GAME TODAY

Georgetown and Army and Navy Lads Will Fight It Out on Hilltop Fields.

By BRYAN MORSE.

The high school baseball curtain will probably be run down this week and bats and gloves put away for another season unless all sorts of upsets happen. Central and Business are carded for the next to the last game on Wednesday, while Tech and Western are due for their annual baseball clash on the same day in the second of a double bill.

At present there is a four-cornered tie among the teams mentioned, and the games this week win or lose for the competing teams will mean a tie for the title and an extra game for the championship. The faculty advisers have planned to hold the double bill on Wednesday unless the annual competitive drill of the high school cadets is postponed a day.

In any event the games will be gotten off this week if possible so that baseball will be done for the season. The title game will probably be played Friday or may be shifted over until next week when the track games are out of the way.

The race for the title this season has been closer than ever. Central is possessed of a fine hitting team with a mediocre pitching staff. Business is represented by a well-drilled smoothly working machine. Tech has the edge on pitching, while Western presents a team liable to break up at any time.

It has been many a long year since followers of high school baseball have had such a close contest in the race. It has also been mentioned to the faculty advisers that in view of the closeness of the race, an umpire be called in to help out Umpire Shurtliff.

The prep school title will be decided at Georgetown Field when the Army and Navy Preps meet the Georgetown volunteers. Each team has won a battle, the Georgetown lads taking the first game by 4 to 2 and the Army and Navy volunteers annexing Friday's game by 8 to 5. Corbett is expected to come back for the Georgetown lads while Hunter, Foster or Franken are picked for box honors by the sailors and soldiers.

A meeting of the high school faculty advisers will be called today to hit upon a field for the annual track games set for Saturday in the ninth when the field and Catholic University are being considered. Officials have not been selected as yet and the whole business of the meet is to come up for final consideration.

St. Alban will take its annual trip to Stone on Friday and will play in Cedarcroft, Pa., on Saturday against the Cedarcroft school. Tomorrow the Brillyard school comes here for a game.

Warden Dyer, Eastern's captain, came near defeating Western on Saturday, but had none of the breaks in the last Dyer went in the ninth when the score was tied. He passed a batter filling the bases and then cut loose with a wild pitch which won the game for the winning run. Peyton's drive to Shields was a beauty and had it been a foot to the left would have been a double. A triple play was made and Dyer escaped without further injury.

In the half mile Meredith must tackle a new bunch of rivals. In Philly he will meet Bingham, of Harvard, who has transferred from the quarter to the half; Capper, of Harvard, always a sure point winner there; Hayes, of Princeton, fifth last year, and Spelding and Windigale, of Cornell, who will run the half after the mile.

In the mile Cornell has two good men in Bingham and Windigale. Spelding won last year, while Windigale is a new man. Cornell men seem to think more of Windigale's chances. Princeton men are counting a lot on MacKenzie, while Yale men think Poucher has a chance for first place.

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